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Dear Cattle Feeders:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

State	April 1 Number on Feed ¹			March Placements			March Marketings			March Other Disappearance ²		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	340	374	110	46	30	65	33	31	94	2	2	100
California	530	530	100	68	55	81	65	65	100	3	5	167
Colorado	1,020	1,020	100	160	135	84	140	160	114	10	5	50
Idaho	245	230	94	38	37	97	42	39	93	1	3	300
Iowa	530	550	104	72	59	82	70	68	97	2	1	50
Kansas	2,480	2,420	98	510	440	86	430	415	97	20	15	75
Nebraska	2,480	2,450	99	350	360	103	370	390	105	10	10	100
New Mexico	131	158	121	19	10	53	17	11	65	1	1	100
Oklahoma	350	340	97	68	50	74	67	58	87	1	2	200
South Dakota	230	225	98	40	32	80	37	37	100	3	5	167
Texas	2,800	2,880	103	520	450	87	495	480	97	15	10	67
Washington	163	152	93	26	30	115	32	28	88	1	1	100
Other States	345	355	103	43	48	112	45	60	133	3	3	100
United States	11,644	11,684	100	1,960	1,736	89	1,843	1,842	100	72	63	88

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, April 18, 2008

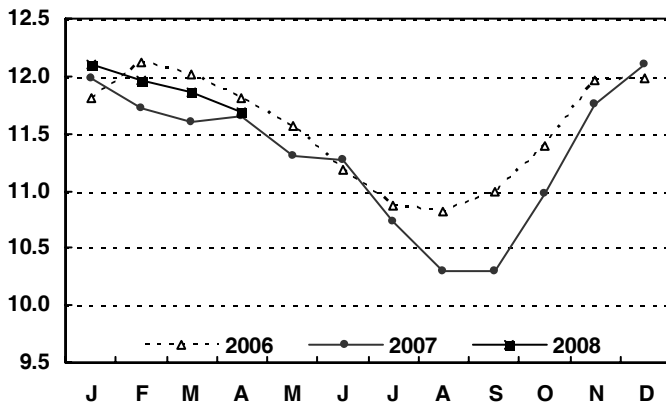
Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

State	During March									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	15	20	30	25	50	45	65	45	160	135
Kansas	70	55	115	95	170	150	155	140	510	440
Nebraska	40	50	50	50	110	110	150	150	350	360
Texas	90	100	120	105	200	165	110	80	520	450
Other States	130	110	60	55	110	91	120	95	420	351
United States	345	335	375	330	640	561	600	510	1,960	1,736;

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed April 18, 2008

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

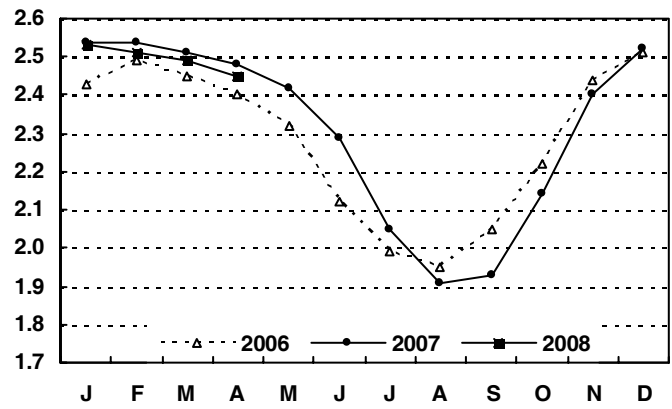
Million Head



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Million Head



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Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Mar 2007	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Mar 08% of		Jan - Mar ²		
				Mar 2007	Feb 2008	2007	2008	08 as % of 07
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>
Beef	2,088.5	*2,009.6	2,073.8	99	103	6,144.4	6,282.8	102
Veal	13.3	10.8	11.0	83	102	39.2	32.8	84
Pork	1,846.5	1,888.3	1,948.2	106	103	5,354.0	5,980.0	112
Lamb & mutton	19.0	14.5	15.4	81	106	47.4	44.1	93
Total Red Meat ³	3,967.3	*3,923.2	4,048.4	102	103	11,585.0	12,339.6	107

*Revised. ¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. ³Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter April 25, 2008

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Mar 2007	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Jan - Mar ¹		Mar 2007	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Jan - Mar ¹	
				2007	2008				2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>
Class²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,393	1,274	1,328	4,014	3,992	50.7	49.0	49.4	50.1	49.1
Heifers	820	818	839	2,442	2,524	29.9	31.5	31.2	30.5	31.0
All Cows	488	465	473	1,435	1,483	17.8	17.9	17.6	17.9	18.2
Dairy Cows	230	214	215	660	665	8.4	8.2	8.0	8.2	8.2
Other Cows	258	251	258	775	818	9.4	9.7	9.6	9.7	10.1
Bulls & Stags	46	40	47	122	132	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.6
Total	2,747	2,598	2,686	8,013	8,132	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Calves & Vealers	70	68	70	208	208	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,790	8,992	9,242	25,502	28,361	96.4	96.7	96.5	96.5	96.6
Sows	284	270	299	818	873	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.0
Stags & Boars	45	35	39	121	117	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Total ¹	9,119	9,297	9,579	26,440	29,351	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	9	*9	10	26	27	3.4	4.3	4.5	3.9	4.4
Lambs & Yrlings	258	193	210	640	595	96.6	95.7	95.5	96.1	95.6
Total ¹	267	*202	219	666	623	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Revised. ¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data. ²Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter April 25, 2008

**Number of Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered
by Species, by Size Group, United States**

Size Group	Cattle				Size Group	Hogs			
	Plants		Head			Plants		Head	
	2006	2007	2006	2007		2006	2007	2006	2007
	Number		1,000			Number		1,000	
1 – 999	468	454	151.3	150.8	1 – 999	380	385	124.3	124.9
1,000 – 9,999	90	91	281.8	244.5	1,000 – 9,999	118	116	322.2	313.5
10,000 – 49,999	17	18	451.9	398.2	10,000 – 99,999	63	64	2,727.4	2,730.6
50,000 – 99,999	9	8	650.1	511.2	100,000 – 249,999	11	9	1,728.4	1,503.0
100,000 – 199,999	11	13	1,730.4	1,845.3	250,000 – 499,999	9	12	3,089.0	4,077.4
200,000 – 299,999	8	9	1,980.2	2,207.1	500,000 – 999,999	5	5	3,702.7	3,884.9
300,000 – 499,999	12	7	4,980.1	2,734.9	1,000,000 – 1,999,999	4	2	6,932.6	3,784.8
500,000 – 999,999	7	12	4,437.0	7,303.6	2,000,000 – 2,999,999	11	12	25,633.6	29,007.7
1,000,000 +	14	14	18,482.2	18,325.1	3,000,000 – 3,999,999	3	2	10,329.4	7,445.5
Total ¹	636	626	33,145.0	33,720.7	4,000,000 +	10	11	49,098.9	55,265.8
					Total ¹	614	618	103,688.5	108,138.2

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2007 Summary, March 2008

**Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number
by Species, Selected States, and United States, 2007¹**

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>
California	21	1,591.1	12	119.5	15	2,570.3		
Colorado	20	2,204.2			16	6.2	17	1,046.5
Illinois			7	38.1	26	9,871.2		
Indiana					8	7,716.1		
Iowa					21	29,932.7	4	392.7
Kansas	22	7,693.5			15	176.5	12	1.4
Kentucky	18	8.2			20	2,752.3	14	11.3
Minnesota	22	738.4			21	9,501.5	13	1.7
Missouri	39	59.7	9	0.3	39	6,905.3	33	4.9
Nebraska	26	7,041.0			19	7,410.2		
North Carolina	17	212.8	8	1.3	25	11,252.1	11	7.2
Ohio	11	49.9	3		14	1,019.0	7	0.4
Oklahoma	5	1.0			6	4,958.3	5	0.6
Pennsylvania	77	929.4	38	171.5	78	2,943.0	59	53.7
South Dakota					5	4,793.3	4	10.5
Texas	36	6,085.4	10	11.4	25	356.5	19	3.0
Virginia	15	6.2	10	0.8	15	2,394.0	15	11.9
Wisconsin	12	1,666.6			8	498.0	7	3.2
United States ²	626	33,720.7	232	744.8	618	108,138.2	480	2,528.6

¹ States with no data printed are included in US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. ² US totals are based on unrounded data and may not equal sum of parts.

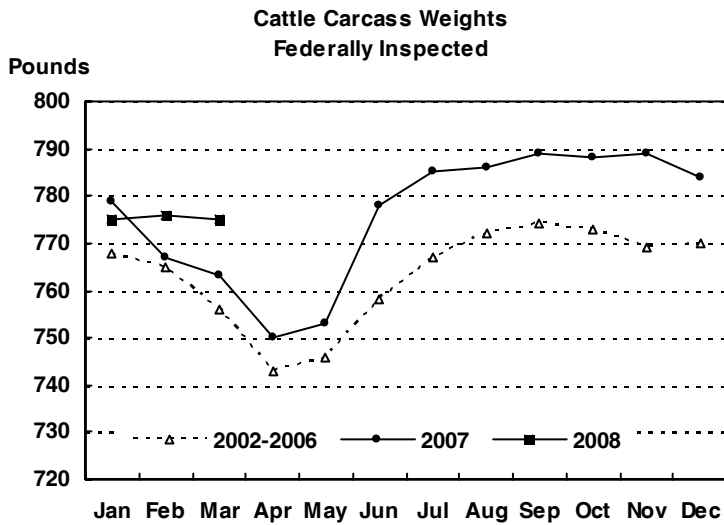
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Commercial Cattle Slaughter: Top Five States, Selected Years¹

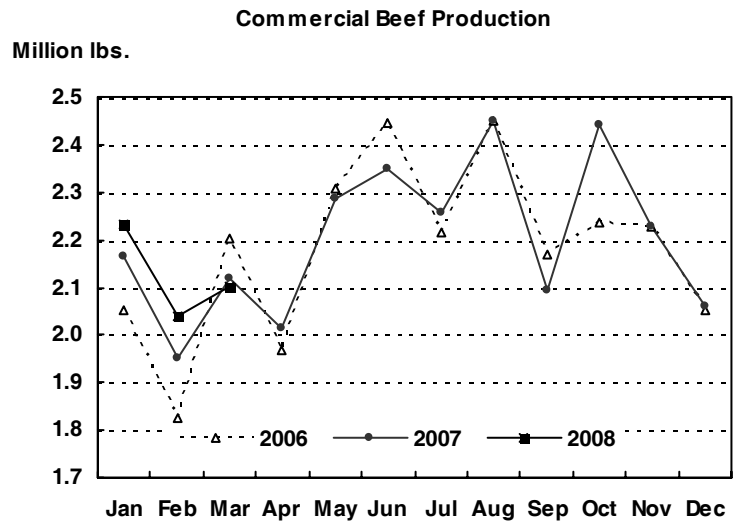
Rank	2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head
1	Nebraska	7,862	Nebraska	7,661	Kansas	7,182	Kansas	7,321	Kansas	7,543	Kansas	7,726
2	Kansas	7,404	Kansas	7,357	Nebraska	6,903	Nebraska	7,029	Nebraska	7,069	Nebraska	7,071
3	Texas	6,472	Texas	6,495	Texas	6,179	Texas	6,238	Texas	6,485	Texas	6,111
4	Colorado	2,596	Colorado	2,480	Colorado	2,415	Colorado	2,087	Colorado	2,116	Colorado	2,210
5	Wisconsin	1,665	Wisconsin	1,669	Wisconsin	1,458	Wisconsin	1,439	Wisconsin	1,583	Wisconsin	1,708

¹Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

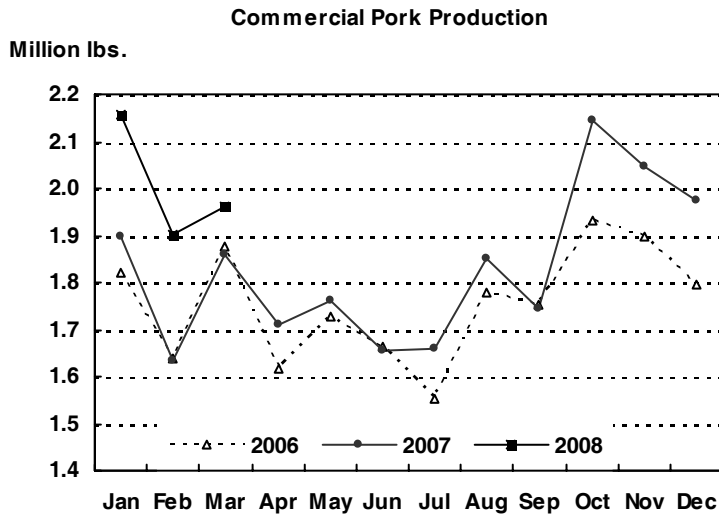
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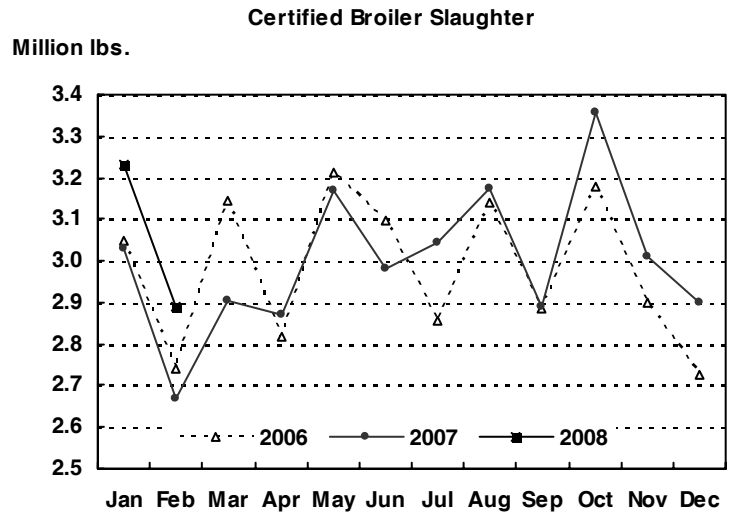
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